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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following information, which includes documents cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/JP2005/005271, of which the above-referenced application is a National Stage:

KIKUCHI, M. et al., "Porous Body Preparation of Hydroxyapatite/Collagen Nanocomposites for Bone Tissue Regeneration," Key Engineering Materials, Vols. 254-256, pp. 561-564 (2004); Applicants note that the Search Report indicates a publication date of 2003 (December 24, 2003);

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Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the commonly assigned applications:

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Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents which were made of record in the above commonly assigned applications:

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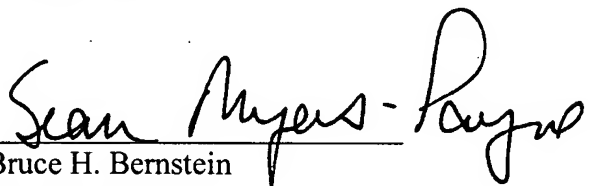
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of the U.S. patents, U.S. published patent applications, and U.S. patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on September 28, 2006. However, Applicants enclose herewith another copy of the International Search Report (in English) for the Examiner's review.

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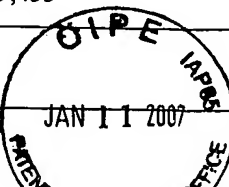
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